

# Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 20 Friday 12th May 2023



## 2022/2023 Academic year

### Term 5:

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May '23  
**PTA Quiz night**  
Fri 19 May

### Term 6:

Mon 5 June - Fri 21 July '23  
**INSET DAY Fri 23 June**  
**PTA Discos:**  
Juniors' discos 16th June  
Infants' discos 30th June  
**Sports Days:**  
Mon 3 July Years 5&6  
Tues 4 July Years 3&4  
Weds 5 July Infant School

## 2023/24 Academic year

### Term 1:

Fri 1 Sept - Fri 20 Oct'23  
**INSET DAYS** Fri 1 & Mon 4 Sept  
**First day of Term** Tues 5 Sept

See [website](#) for full 2023/2024  
Academic year dates

Dear parents and carers,

Our Coronation art is finished and we are delighted with the outcomes. Every class has completed a piece of art work and these will be up in our halls. They are so striking and I know the children are so proud of them. Just some of them are shown below!

**Yr6 SATS** Our Yr6 children have just completed their statutory assessment tests (SAT's). The children have shown great maturity and perseverance in undertaking the assessments and we are so proud of them. We know whatever the outcomes that every child has tried their best and should feel a real sense of achievement. The tests are sent off to be marked and parents will receive the outcomes of the tests with their child's school report in July.

**Lost property** The lost property has been multiplying this week and again much of it is unnamed clothing. Please make sure your child's uniform is labelled so we can return it.

**Lorraine Wright,**  
Executive Headteacher



Could we once again remind parents to use the correct email address which is [info@elmleaschoolstrust.com](mailto:info@elmleaschoolstrust.com) and not any of the old ones eg/ info@elmleajunior as they are no longer in use and your email will not reach us.



Above and to the right are some of the amazing pieces of Coronation art from the Junior School.

To the left and below are some of the Infant School's wonderful contributions!





### PTA Notes

Have you got yours?! Online raffle ticket sales close at midnight tonight! We have the most stunning array of prizes...family trips to Windsor Castle, Mendip Activity Centre, Noah's Ark, Airhop...vouchers for Grupo Lounge and The Hideaway...leave the kids at home (or at Shine club – thank you Shine!) while you fly away in a Hot Air Balloon (sponsored by Tempest Forensic Accounting), or pamper yourself with Harrods goodies or one of two reflexology sessions (kindly donated by Flow Reflexology and Lucy Morgan) or a macrame workshop (thank you

Ginny!). More prizes listed on line! You need to be in it to win it! Tickets here [www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/eisa) til midnight Friday!

Quiz night – sold out! Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 19.30, Juniors' hall. Alcohol and snacks to purchase on the night. If you no longer require your table please let us know as there's quite a waiting list!

School discos: these are after school events, and children need to be accompanied by an adult (ratios to be confirmed). Adult bar available. We will be asking for lovely volunteers nearer the time!

Thanks – Jen, Tina, Lucy, Joy, Tripta, Debbie, Verity [elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com](mailto:elmlea.school.pta@gmail.com)

### Elmlea Schools Trust Teacher-led After School Clubs in Term 5

The Clubs currently running are:

Tuesdays - **Junior Choir**

Thursdays - **Infant Choir**

Fridays - **Year 5&6 Cricket**



These after school clubs are led by Elmlea teachers and we do not charge for them. They are subject to cancellations due to staff availability and also weather and pitch conditions, which can be particularly affected at this time of year. Please bear this in mind when booking your child on to one of these clubs. Shine or Elizabeth's After School Club are also available as paid clubs that are guaranteed to run, rain or shine!

Please always ensure you let the School Office know if your child is unable to attend as if they do not show up, we are required to initiate our Missing Child Procedure, which could ultimately result in a call to the Police if we are unable to contact you.

### Lunchbowl Charity



On Monday, Anna-Kate from the Lunchbowl Network will be coming in to talk to both schools during assembly, about this amazing charity and the work that they do. The Lunchbowl Network was set up in 2006 in response to the plight of the orphaned and vulnerable children living in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya

As a school, we have supported this charity for many years, first through the Infants and as of last year, as a whole trust with the Juniors. Last year we raised over £1,000, which has made a massive difference to the children living there.

This year we will again be running a shop selling a range of handmade items from the Slum, to raise funds to support the charity. The shop will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The stall will be open at the end of the school day 3:15-3:35pm. Further details about this will follow in next week's newsletter.

You can learn more about the charity [here](#) .

Many thanks, Mrs Emery-Symmons

### Macmillan Cancer Support Cake Sale

A huge thank you everyone who supported Jack and Oscar's bake sale last Friday - raising over £250 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, came along to buy treats and also to those who donated via Just Giving afterwards. An amazing success!



### School lunch choices

Please can you ensure you speak to you children about the meal choices you have made for them, especially in the Infant school?

It makes our lovely kitchen team quite sad when children burst into tears and/or refuse to eat the tasty meals that have been ordered for them!



### Arts Week Celebration 2023: 'Around the World'

This year, our theme for Arts Week is 'Around the World' and each year group will be inspired by the artwork of a specific country over the course of the week. Therefore, we welcome the children to come into school wearing the flag colours of the country they have looked at on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.



Reception: **Australia**      Year 1: **Zimbabwe**      Year 2: **Ghana**

Year 3: **Chile**      Year 4: **USA**      Year 5: **India**      Year 6: **Japan**

Additionally, to celebrate your children's work during Arts Week, we would love to welcome parents and carers into school at 3pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Junior School:** Parents and carers of those in Year 6 head to the Junior school office where you will be directed to the year 6 classrooms. Year 3/4/5 parents and carers can use outside classroom doors.

**Infant School:** Parents and carers of those in Reception, Year 1&2, please arrive at the Infant School via the Infants gate at 3pm.

**Parents with children across the Trust** are invited to come to the Infant School via the Infants gate at 2:45pm prior to visiting the Junior School.

Please be sure to let your child's teacher know when you are leaving with them so we can record that they have left safely. Additionally, feel free to walk through the school to access sibling classrooms. Children taking part in clubs can leave as usual.

Thank you so much and we hope you enjoy celebrating the children's fantastic artwork!

## Inclusion Information and Support

### Coffee with the SENDCO!

This is a chance to have an informal chat with the Trust's Inclusion Lead, Lacey Flook, and Infant SENDCO, Jess Andrews, about anything SEND related! You do not need to have a child with any specific needs, you may just have questions or concerns or want to find out a bit more about what we do to support children across the trust and other services we work with. These drop-in sessions will be held in the Junior library on the following dates, 2pm - 3pm, finishing in time for school pick-up! If you have children in multiple year groups then you are welcome to attend more than once or choose a date that suits you best.



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 \* **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 1 \* **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Reception (All are with both Lacey and Jess)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Free Nordic Walking Taster for Y6 and Y7 Pupils

Do you have Y6 children? Do they enjoy walking and exploring in Nature? Come along to our Free Nordic Walking Taster on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> of May 11.00 am – midday at Downs Cafe. Booking link and details are below.

*"Half the battle is getting young people to try something new- but this group is literally a breath of fresh air- and sets them up for a positive week - Cannot recommend highly enough."* SR : Parent

Our FREE Y6 / Y7 Pupil "Teen" Taster for the Bristol Walk Fest is on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> of May 11.00 am at Downs Cafe. This one hour Taster is aimed at those transitioning from Junior to Secondary School. Come along and meet other like minded Y6 and Y7 pupils who love walking and exploring in Nature. You can book in [here](#), spaces are limited but free.

Katie Atkins who will be running this session is an Instructor for INWA and British Nordic Walking and has 26 years teaching as a primary teacher with 12 years as a PE specialist (working with mainstream, gifted and talented and SEND pupils). Katie also holds a Level 4 Diploma in Coaching Pedagogy in Physical Education Environments.



Elmlea  
Schools' Trust

# Year Group News

## Reception

Reception have had a busy week enjoying music lessons and learning about halving and sharing.

Please can you send your child into school with a named sunhat for outside play.



The Reception Team

## Year 1

This week in Year One we learnt all about the Bristol Giants, Goram and Ghyston. We drew story maps and described the giants, and the Princess Avona and Goram's pet dragon, Digby. Perhaps the children could tell you the story and describe the characters to you. Which giant had a huge, blonde beard? Which giant fell asleep in a chair? We also continued to explore common 3D shapes, learning their names and properties.

In history we learnt about the Bristol Bus Boycott, finding was to link the events to our school values of community and respect.

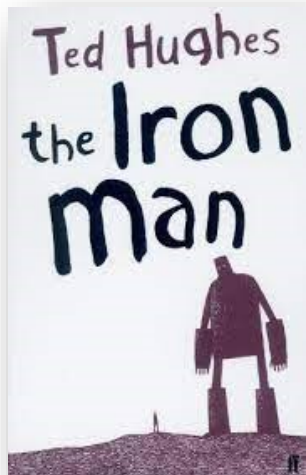


Year 1 Team

## Year 2

The children have worked hard this week and have enjoyed some play times out on the field in the sunshine! In PE we practised our fielding and batting and came up with tactics that would help us improve. In English we practised reading comprehension and worked with amazing focus- well done!

Our maths lessons have been filled with learning we did at the start of Year 2, we recapped strategies and methods that help us and put them into practise. The children planted beans in science and we also finished reading Chapter 3 of Iron Man.



Year 2 Team



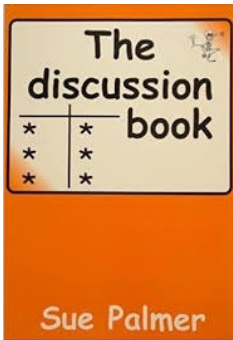
### Year 3

This week Year 3 has revised written methods and problem solving in Maths to prepare for our assessments next week. We have continued with our suspense writing in English writing; an additional chapter for the story Mouse Bird Snake Wolf. In PSHE we have looked at the 'UN rights of the child' and created posters. We are looking forward to our trip to Westbury on Trym high street next week and we now have enough parent helpers, so thanks to all of those who have volunteered.

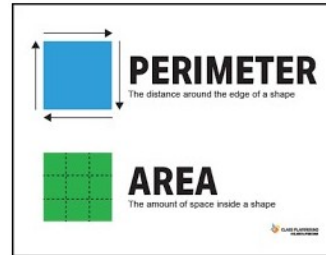
Year 3 Team

### Year 4

Y4 have had an exciting week and in English they have successfully planned, drafted, edited and published their writing progress discussion pieces about whether there is too much technology. In maths, pupils have consolidated their knowledge and understanding



about area and perimeter. In science, children have written conclusions about their melting investigation, learning about melting and freezing points



of different substances. Topic activities have involved preparation for our upcoming trip to Westbury-on-Trym and we thank parents and carers, in advance, for their support with this activity, we now have enough volunteers for the trip to go ahead!

Reminders

Class photographs - please use the link on the slip which was distributed by the photographer.

Y4 Teaching Team

**Year 5** In Year 5 this week, we have been busy working on our expression, volume and acting for our production Treasure Island. Our production will be in term 6 and more information regarding the show times will follow. We have also been busy looking at plant reproduction (sexual/ asexual) in Science. During the lesson, we took cuttings of geraniums which we will observe to see the development over the next few weeks. In Geography, we have been looking at how Bristol has changed overtime and how it has developed into the bustling city it is today!



**Linking School Exhibition-** [Moss habitats](#)

Both our and our linking school's exhibition is open in the Arnolfini from the 13<sup>th</sup> May to the 16<sup>th</sup> July. We will see if we can visit it as a year group during our Bristol trip next term however if as a family you would like to visit you are more than welcome!

Year 5 Team

### Year 6

We would just like to say how very proud we are of all of you year 6! It is such an accomplishment to have finished SATs and to be looking forward to an amazing summer term. We have so many amazing activities to look forward to (like Mojo and camp) and you'll be able to celebrate all your hard work.

Have a wonderful weekend and get plenty of rest. We are so incredibly proud of you all!

Year 6 Team

